

## **REGULAR MEETING**

**WEDNESDAY**

**7:00 P.M.**

**MARCH 6, 2013**

This Regular Meeting of Council was called to order on the above-stated date at the above-stated time after the Pledge of Allegiance and a Moment of Silence by President of Council Darryl Segina with the following Members of Council present:

**RC-1      PRESENT:      DARRYL SEGINA, ALFRED J. TEDESCO, JR., DALE McCALL, FAWN WALKER-MONTGOMERY, KEITH SOLES, DANIEL CARR**

**ABSENT:      RICHARD DELLAPENNA**

Mr. Segina said also present were Mayor Michael Cherepko, City Administrator Matthew Gergely, City Solicitor J. Jason Elash and members of the Administration. He said the Sergeant at Arms tonight is Detective Joseph Osinski.

Ms. Williams said Mr. Dellapenna will not be here this evening due to personal family matters he has to attend.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**MOTION:      Mr. Tedesco moved, seconded by Mr. Soles, "To approve the minutes for the Public Hearing of February 6, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. and the Regular Meeting of Council on February 6, 2013 at 7:00 p.m."**

**RC-2      YEAS:      SEGINA, TEDESCO, McCALL, WALKER-MONTGOMERY, SOLES, CARR ..... 6**

NAYS: NONE..... 0

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

- Received a letter last month that was put on the Table regarding the appointment to the Steel Valley Authority. Ms. Williams said does Mr. Segina or the Mayor wish to speak about Mr. John Palyo representing the City on this Board.
- Mr. Segina said John Palyo is Mayor Cherepko's choice for the Steel Valley Authority.
- Mayor Cherepko said yes.
- Mr. Segina said he does not know if this is his pick or the Mayor's pick.
- Mayor Cherepko said that was the recommendation brought to him. He said once again, if Council does not want to put him on the Board then they should not put him on the Board. He said it was a recommendation brought to him and he thought it would be very appropriate. He said John does an absolutely wonderful job for the Twin Rivers Council of Governments where he is the Executive Director. He said he would serve that Authority well.
- Mr. Segina said can he have a motion to approve John Palyo for the position on the Steel Valley Authority.

**MOTION:**      **Mr. McCall moved, seconded by Mr. Tedesco, "To approve the appointment of John Palyo to the Steel Valley Authority."**

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NAYS:      NONE..... 0

- Received an invitation to the Twin Rivers Council of Governments General Assembly Membership Meeting. Ms. Williams said there are three people attending and if anyone else is interested, please let her know.
- Received a letter from Dennis Davin, Director of the Redevelopment Authority of Allegheny County to John Palyo, RE: Twin Rivers COG, CITF Application: 1213-1-CITF-050, Development of a Regional Comprehensive Plan, Zoning, and SALDO Ordinance.
- Received a memorandum from Bryan Washowich, Chief of Police, RE: February 2013 Crime Statistics.
- Received the Fire Report for the Month of February from Fire Chief Kevin Lust.

### **MAYOR'S REPORT:**

- Mayor Cherepko said thank you Mr. President. He said on the agenda this evening are Bills #105 and #106. He said he doesn't think there is any need to go into more detail on these Bills. He said he thinks it is a wonderful opportunity to honor two former Mayors who dedicated their time and put forth their exhaustive efforts in order to move this City forward in very trying economic times. He said, of course the locations are very appropriate with the role that they played in each. He said he is looking forward to Council approving those Bills this evening. He said the other thing he has is that he wants to commend the Street Department. He said they did a tremendous job last night. He said there was a lot of snow in a very short period of time. He said he

was out throughout the night with them. He said they can look around and see all the school districts that cancelled school today, but McKeesport's streets were in very good shape even prior to the two-hour delay. He said they would have almost been okay to start on time although it is always better to be cautious. He said Dr. Gabauer and the School District called a two-hour delay, which he thinks was the right choice. He said by the time that two-hour delay was over, the streets were in very good condition considering the snow that came last evening. He said he wants to again commend the Street Department on their efforts especially during this last storm. He said hopefully that is the last storm of the season. He said that concludes his report.

### **COUNCIL REPORTS:**

- Mr. Tedesco said he would like to say he is glad about Bills #105 and #106 being on the Agenda and that they are honoring former Mayors Washowich and Bendel. He said he is hoping that in the future this opens the door up for other citizens and former people of McKeesport to be honored. He said just to name a few ... former Mayor Frank Buchannon, who went on to become a U.S. Congressman; former Mayor Popovich, who became a judge; Judge Papadakos, who still lives in the City; and Dr. William Hunt, who was a Commissioner. He said he would like to see Council get together and find ways to honor these men. He said obviously Mr. Mansfield would also be one but he has a bridge so he doesn't think they can top that. He said he would like to see them get together and come up with something for these men too.
  - Mr. Segina said that bridge was for his uncle.
  - Mr. Tedesco said what is that.

- Mr. Segina said that is Mr. Mansfield's uncle that the bridge is named after.
- Chief Lust said Fire Station #2 is named for Mr. Mansfield.
- Mr. Segina said the Fire Station was for Mr. Mansfield, who was the publisher of the Daily News. He said he just wanted to clear that up.
- Mr. Tedesco said yes, he was the former State Representative. He said he was referring to the elected official, not the publisher ... staying with the main elected officials. He said he has a question or request for the Mayor. He said there has been some concern with PNC Bank closing some branches. He said could the Mayor try to reach out to them and get some reassurance that the McKeesport Branch is not going to be one of them.
- Mayor Cherepko said absolutely. He said he did have a conversation with PNC a few weeks ago. He said it was not this week, but last week. He said there were no indications that they would be closing but they did not discuss that. He said he will definitely follow up on that.
- Mr. Tedesco said he appreciates that. He said the bank will not release their list, but maybe the Mayor can make some inquiries. He said that concludes his report.
- Ms. Walker-Montgomery said she would like to speak about Bill #108, an ordinance amending the ordinance that created the Downtown McKeesport Business District Authority. She said she is chair of that Authority and they wanted to add a mission statement. She said they did not previously have a mission statement. She said they also wanted to rename the Authority as well. She said the purpose for renaming it

was so that they could just shorten it and make it the McKeesport Business District Authority (MBDA). She said they wanted to have a mission because in order for them to have vision and purpose, they have to have a mission. She said they didn't know where they were starting or where they were going. She said within their mission statement, they did not just say they were going to work with businesses downtown because they also want to work with every business in the City of McKeesport. She said that was the request of the Mayor and she agrees with him that they don't just want to service businesses in downtown, but those throughout the entire City of McKeesport. She said for the sake of the audience, she will read the mission statement. She said the mission statement for the McKeesport Business District Authority is "To promote and advocate for existing businesses and attract new businesses to the City of McKeesport." She said that is the mission statement that they need to add to the Authority. She said they have to do it by ordinance because the Authority was created by ordinance. She said does anyone have any questions about that. She said they are also in the process of working on a welcome letter that will go out to every business in the City of McKeesport. She said the welcome letter will explain their purpose, what they do and that they are going to create a business association in the City. She said they will have workshops for businesses to attend and try to build some kind of community and togetherness with the local business owners. She said the welcome letter will go out. She said she sees that there were Council rules put in their packets. She said they have been requesting that for awhile. She said she would ask all of her colleagues to review these Council rules. She said if anyone wants to make any changes, they should come back and talk about that next month. She said she knows that they have asked for those ... she will look over those specifically about the time that people can come and speak before them. She said she does not like the fact that it is limited. She said if they can look at those rules, she would like to come back next month and

have a discussion about those. She said she has some questions for the Mayor. She said she was out canvassing and noticed that behind Jenny Lind, where the playground is, there is a lot where the weeds are growing to a ridiculous height. She said they are extremely high. She said a kid could get lost in them. She said that is how high the weeds are. She said she doesn't know if the City owns the lot or someone else does. She said it really needs to be cut. She said it is really out of control. She said she doesn't know if he has been up there and seen how high the weeds are.

- Mayor Cherepko said he has been up there. He said he is not sure exactly what part of Jenny Lind she is discussing.
- Ms. Walker-Montgomery said it is behind Jenny Lind. She said she doesn't even think the street is open.
- Mayor Cherepko said it is Riverview Plan. He said Riverview Plan is where the playground is.
- Ms. Walker-Montgomery said it is directly across from the playground. She said the weeds are ....
- Mayor Cherepko said they actually sprayed those weeds last year. He said they were sprayed.
- Ms. Walker-Montgomery said can they cut them down.
- Mayor Cherepko said that is something they can do. He said typically they don't ... to answer her question, yes. He said they are not supposed to be going on private property but they have done it in the past. He said he thinks it is a necessity and he agrees with her.
- Ms. Walker-Montgomery said who owns that lot. She said are they being fined.
- Mayor Cherepko said he doesn't know for sure who owns that particular lot. He said as with many lots in

the City, they cannot find the owners and the mail is undeliverable. He said there is no one to contact and he thinks that is just one of those situations. He said there is no question they need to clean that up. He said something that he probably should have put in his report but he wanted to keep it short and to the point, but he was just up there and did notice that. He said they are looking to ... if she remembers when they did the budget, Council asked why they put \$50,000 into the playgrounds. He said he told them that he thinks it is extremely important because the playgrounds haven't been touched for years. He said he had someone come in and took them through each playground and made suggestions. He said this company has all Costar pricing and is capable of doing a lot more than the individual he met with last year. He said last year, the gentleman who looked at the playgrounds said they just needed to get everything new. He said this gentleman and woman took them around ... he met with the woman the first time ... and they made it very clear then and really got his attention by saying that they felt they could fix a lot of playgrounds, even the ones that were outdated. He said the woman held true to her word because she brought the gentleman in who took care of all that and they looked at the playgrounds again. He said it seems like they were trying to utilize that money as efficiently as possible. He said they may be able to do a facelift to all five neighborhood playgrounds in the City of McKeesport for under \$50,000. He said that includes all new padding for the playgrounds that have padding and new surfaces to the padding to meet safety standards. He said in addition to that, they would also like to partner with KaBoom. He said the location that he thought would be so unbelievably appropriate is up off of Bailey Avenue in Unity Park. He said the one thing KaBoom looks for is that they want to see the community buy into the new playground. He said as



the community already created Unity Park on their own, which shows there is a need as well as an interest there. He said the community is also willing to help take care of it and have pride in it. He said that is the area where they are focusing right now. He said the only reason they don't have the ball rolling yet is that they are having trouble contacting the owners of that property. He said even though the City tore down all the houses, they were not the City's houses. He said before KaBoom does anything; the property has to be City-owned, not privately owned. He said that is understandable.

- Ms. Walker-Montgomery said while they are talking about playgrounds, did Dan and Jason ever work on that ordinance to make the playgrounds non-smoking.
- Mr. Carr said yes.
- Ms. Walker-Montgomery said okay.
- Mr. Carr said they will probably have that for next month's meeting.
- Ms. Walker-Montgomery said can the Mayor update her on ... a couple of months ago they talked about tearing down some houses and the demolition list. She said can he update her on the progress with that.
- Mayor Cherepko said yes. He said as far as the demolition list itself, it is a matter of finding funding before they can do anything. He said obviously the funding is not there right now. He said they do have a project that is going on outside of the Cultural and Education Sector, which they want to get started soon. He said he would like to see those 25 to 30 homes taken down before the end of the year. He said that is ultimately the goal because it is also the intention for the school to be finished by the end of the year also.

He said that is where they currently stand. He said this evening, if Council agrees to pass the Resolution for the financing of the excavator, he thinks that will really open the doors for the City to tackle the problem of blighted properties as he discussed last night. He said he doesn't feel the need to repeat himself tonight, especially since the crowd for the most part is pretty similar tonight. He said he is excited about that. He said at that point, once they have the capabilities, have the excavator and are trained; they will take the demolition on a case by case basis for the most part. He said if someone calls and has a complaint, obviously they will have a list.... He said the problem they will run into is that they cannot get around the whole issue of tearing down multiple homes on one block because of the health issues, air pollution and asbestos concerns. He said they may have to bounce around. He said but that is a nice part of not having a contract also. He said what is the timeline. He said if they tear the houses down a couple of weeks apart, do one, then another somewhere else and then come back ... there is not the issue of tearing down multiple homes. He said that is where they are now as far as that goes.

- Ms. Walker-Montgomery said she has one last thing. She said Swin Cash, someone the Mayor is familiar with, does a lot for the City of McKeesport such as Cash for Kids. She said in the City of Pittsburgh, they had a Wiz Khalifa Day. She said she is not suggesting that they make a day for someone but thinks they should do some kind of resolution for Swin, or something. She said she feels like Swin has done a lot for this particular City. She said Swin always makes sure she comes home and gives a lot back to the City. She said she thinks they should do something similar for her.
- Mayor Cherepko said he agrees with her. He said just to make sure that they are all clear ... they do have

Olympic Corner which has her new Olympic Gold Medal is also engraved on it. He said they did get that updated. He said the Rec Center at Harrison Village is also named after her. He said if Council feels the need to go above and beyond that .... He said he is a few years older than Swin, but she was a friend in High School. He said there is no question that she is a young lady that is a great role model. He said for these young women today, Swin is someone to look up to. He said she allows them to know that the sky is the limit and when you put your mind to it, you can be anything you want to be. He said if Council has a desire to do something, give him an idea and he will support it. He said as far as naming things, she does have Olympic Corner and an entire Recreation Center.

- Mr. Segina said she was also Grand Marshall at the Christmas Parade one year. He said she was recognized then also. He said he thinks Mayor Brewster had Swin Cash Day one time also. He said she has been honored many times here. He said he doesn't know if they want to do anything else, but that is up to Council to do that. He said he has a question for Ms. Walker-Montgomery regarding the Downtown Business Authority. He said are they still a taxing body.
- Ms. Walker-Montgomery said yes.
- Mr. Segina said it is only for the downtown area, a five or six block area, where there is tax. He said now she is saying they are going to reach out to other businesses, which he admires her for doing that. He said will the other businesses become part of that Authority as far as being taxed too.
- Ms. Walker-Montgomery said no, they can only use those funds for the downtown area.

- Mr. Segina said thank you. He said once again, he applauds her efforts with regard to the Authority and bringing it back to life. He said he doesn't think people really know how much potential there is in that.
- Mr. Soles said he had nothing to report.
- Mr. Carr said he had nothing to report.
- Mr. McCall said he had nothing to report.
- Mr. Segina said he had nothing to report.

**CITIZENS IN THE AUDIENCE:**

No citizen was present who wished to speak before Council.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**ORDINANCE #13-5 – BILL #105: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF McKEESPORT, ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, CHANGING THE NAME OF THE PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY CURRENTLY KNOWN AS MARSHALL DRIVE EXTENSION TO LOU WASHOWICH WAY.**

**MOTION: Mr. Tedesco moved, seconded by Mr. McCall, "To adopt Bill #105."**

**COMMENT:**

- Mr. Segina said he has a comment on this particular Bill since he worked for Lou for 15 years. He said he doesn't think they could honor him as much as they want to. He said Lou's was a very turbulent tenure with the City. He said Lou cut short his term because he was burned out, literally burned out. He said there was a lot accomplished during that time. He said Lou took over in 1980 and in 1981

U.S. Steel announced they were closing down National Tube Works. He said by 1983 all of that work was gone. He said the City lost the entire base but to Lou's credit, he made a silver lining from that by securing that property from National Tube and U.S. Steel. He said not only did he secure the property but also the City was given \$10,000 a year in lieu of taxes which was a big help then. He said the City's drop in wage taxes and other taxes from the mill was gone. He said the ancillary businesses in town, such as the bars and downtown business district, also started their demise. He said they got the millsite, secured it and then gave it to the County because the County had an Economic Development Department. He said the County then passed it on to R.I.D.C. and that is who has it now. He said that is why he suggested that they name Industry Road for Lou Washowich too. He said the City went through a giardiasis crisis too. He said the U.S. Army was in McKeesport with their water tanks next to Mr. Coker's building. He said one day the Army wanted to leave. He said Lou caught him in the office and told him to surround the place. He said he got every piece of equipment the City had ... and it sounded silly but it was a convoy ... and they kept going around in circles so the Army would not leave. He said the Army guys were standing out there laughing at them but it was symbolic. He said after about three hours they called it off but the Army did stay for another couple of days. He said Lou was also noted for another huge accomplishment and that was when the Community Development Block Grant funds were taken from the County and given to the City itself. He said the County was giving the City \$450,000 a year for different projects and then determined which project they were going to do. He said Lou petitioned HUD to give McKeesport the money, which was about \$1.5 million or \$1.6 million. He said the City in turn started their own Community Development program, hired people to run it and then started to pave streets and knock down houses with it. He said the City was free of the burden of asking the County if they could do those things. He said the City controlled its

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	NAYS:	NONE.....	0

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**RIGHT OF WAY CURRENTLY KNOWN AS WATER STREET TO JOE BENDEL WAY.**

**MOTION:**        **Mr. Tedesco moved, seconded by Mr. Carr,  
"To adopt Bill #106."**

**COMMENTS:**

- Mr. Segina said he only worked with Joe Bendel for five years but he would like to comment on him. He said when Joe came in, he was a procedure man and everything had to be done through the chain of command. He said Joe had procedure. He said if someone had a problem, they were to go to their boss not to the Mayor. He said that is the way Joe was. He said the big thing with Joe was that he had a vision for McKeesport and it started down at McKees Point. He said the first big thing he did was purchased the Palisades from Bill Cecchini. He said Joe had all kinds of events down there, everything anyone could think of. He said then Bike Trail came along and Joe said he wanted to build the trail. He said it took him four years to build the trail from the Point all the way out to near the Versailles Borough line. He said that is what it is today and of course it now goes all the way through Duquesne and to Pittsburgh. He said it was Joe's vision that created that along with ... and he forgets the gentleman's name, it might have been Dickson. He said they came here and they worked with that vision. He said Joe also had vision for a Marina. He said of course he constructed that and got that built. He said that is a huge job and the money that he brought in to do that was amazing. He said Joe was a financial genius when it came to that. He said they had money to build that Marina. He said then look at it today, they didn't have as many boats then ... only about 100 boats and now they have 200 boats or more. He said Joe had vision and unfortunately, his time ran out. He said Joe wanted to have a hotel built on the Point with townhouses and an entertainment complex. He said Joe ran out of time on that. He said Joe made a

<b>RC-5</b>	YEAS:	SEGINA, TEDESCO, McCALL, WALKER-MONTGOMERY, SOLES, CARR .....	6
	NAYS:	NONE.....	0

- ORDINANCE #13-7 – BILL #107: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF McKEESPORT, ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AUTHORIZING THE PROPER CITY OFFICERS TO EXECUTE ALL DOCUMENTS AND TAKE ALL ACTIONS NECESSARY TO FINALIZE A LOAN IN THE AMOUNT OF \$488,584.37 FOR THE PURCHASE OF EQUIPMENT FOR THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT WHICH HAS A USEFUL LIFE IN EXCESS OF TWENTY YEARS.**

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**COMMENTS:**

- Mr. Tedesco said Mayor is there any chance that this could potentially ... and he knows they are talking about purchasing the excavator ... but is there any chance they could potentially lease that or rent it out.
- Mayor Cherepko said that is definitely an option. He said especially if the Sewage Authority comes across something. He said he would be careful who they leased it to but there is definitely an opportunity there. He said also speaking about the Marshall Drive Extension project and the flooding down there, the City is required by the DEP to maintain that area. He said it takes an excavator to get down in there and actually maintain it. He said it was almost becoming a necessity to purchase one. He said they need to make sure they are doing that work. He said they just received a letter not long ago reminding the City they have to do that. He said they were also reminded to check on that area, which they did. He said they might have to excavate that area and maybe as early as this year to do some other work to keep it up. He said there are definitely opportunities for leasing it out.
- Mr. Segina said perhaps they could rent that out to TRCOG because they tear down homes too.
- Mayor Cherepko said absolutely.
- Mr. Segina said TRCOG could either hire their own labor or they could have the City employees work for them and be paid by them. He said there is a distinct possibility there.
- Mayor Cherepko said he thinks it is a good buy. He said it comes in around \$150,000. He said when he first heard that they can get other ones for about \$250,000 ... which is getting up there. He said the \$150,000 includes the claw and everything they need to grab the material and pull it out. He said if they do the math, it is only about the cost of

20 houses being demolished. He said if they get 20 houses done, that will be what they would have paid to contract the work out to someone else. He said they will save that money plus a bright future and other opportunities as both he and the President just mentioned down the line.

- Mr. Segina said if they do employ this excavator, he thinks they should first determine the exact cost for each home that they are doing whether it is a single residence or multi-unit type of thing so they have an understanding what the costs are. He said they should see if these costs are bearing out the fact that it is expedient to have this machine going with their own crews.
- Mayor Cherepko said absolutely. He said they most certainly will do that. He said the way they look at that now Mr. Segina, is that for the most part while a house is coming down they are only looking at the labor of two people. He said they always want at least two people on a job site. He said one will be operating and one will be there. He said they are talking about bringing three large dumpsters from their current garbage hauler to the site. He said the dumpsters will have all building materials which will be hauled away at a cheaper rate in the landfills. He said they will be paying the landfill to get rid of the house unless they can come up with other options which they are working on also. He said the manpower ... the men are on the books anyway, they are paying the men anyway. He said they have guys and there are times ... not all year long like tonight where the men work overtime to get the streets cleaned. He said there are a lot of times when things tend to slow down and when they are in a soft season, there is no paving and the plants are closed. He said he doesn't need to tell Mr. Segina that, he knows Mr. Segina understands. He said not that picking up garbage is not important because it is, but sometimes they are using manpower to pick up garbage and it can be used elsewhere. He said when he says garbage, not garbage from the customers but

cleaning up the streets, which needs to be done. He said they do want to make sure they are using it as efficiently as possible. He said he agrees wholeheartedly. He said it will be some trial and error but they will get an idea of what they are spending. He said he thinks it is important to know what it costs to take down a house. He said he is excited to share that with the public and say they took down their first house and it costs X amount of dollars.

- Mr. Segina said Mr. Rosso is in the audience tonight, and can he answer this question. He said they once had one of those machines that burns all the debris from these homes. He said does he know what happened to that. He said is it still operable.
- Mr. Rosso said that was owned by a contractor.
- Mayor Cherepko said it was owned by Indyk.
- Mr. Rosso said the County does not allow them to do that anyway.
- Mr. Elash said they shut those down.

**RC-6** YEAS: SEGINA, TEDESCO, McCALL, WALKER-MONTGOMERY, SOLES, CARR ..... 6

NAYS: NONE..... 0

**ORDINANCE #13-8 – BILL #108: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF McKEESPORT, ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 80-8 TO APPROVE THE AMENDED MISSION STATEMENT ADOPTED BY THE DOWNTOWN McKEESPORT BUSINESS DISTRICT AUTHORITY.**

**MOTION:** Mr. Tedesco moved, seconded by Mr. Soles, "To adopt Bill #108."

**RESOLUTION #2013-9 – BILL #109: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF McKEESPORT, ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AUTHORIZING THE PROPER CITY OFFICERS TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY FOR THE PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION AND NATURAL RESOURCES 2013 COMMUNITY CONSERVATION PARTNERSHIPS GRANT.**

**COMMENTS:**

- Mayor Cherepko said just to make sure ... he was correct when he took a stab at what this may be. He said he did not realize it was going on the Agenda this early. He said Bethany and he talked about this and it is the opportunity to apply for that additional funding, like he said last night. He said they can use the RAD money as a match for this. He said if they are so fortunate to have RAD give them another \$100,000 for Renzie Park, then they can get a matching grant of another \$100,000 so they would have \$200,000 to do improvements for 2014. He said that is what this DCNR grant is. He said he did not realize it when he spoke last night.
- Mr. Segina said this application is for the Park.
- Mayor Cherepko said they decided to use it at the Park because the hardest part is finding the matching funds. He said they knew they could go out to the Park and find matching funds because of RAD.
- Mr. Segina said he is talking about this Bill.

- Mayor Cherepko said yes, this is for the opportunity to apply to the DCNR for grants. He said the target is to use the grants they get for this out at the Park area. He said they talked about fixing the Trail and extending it. He said Mr. Segina mentioned many times how it needs to be revamped now. He said those are all things they had in mind when they sat down and talked about it.
- Mr. Segina said in determining what needs to be done out there, he would like to be in the audience where they could meet and go over whatever projects they can out there based on what money they have.
- Mayor Cherepko said absolutely.
- Mr. Segina said there are some things that have been neglected and should be done. He said they can see what they can do. He said if they have a plan even for the next two years, it would be worthy of it.
- Mayor Cherepko said if Mr. Segina has anything in mind, please let him know. He said he can still be involved in the process while they are out there but even when they do the RAD funding, he is starting to gather thoughts for the RAD funding. He said the one thing that was very disappointing to him last year was the condition that Lake Emily was in. He said they had the algae problem, which he thinks was common in a lot of lakes, but just in general to maintain it. He said they really want to make that a place to go and make it nice. He said that will be a focus point for them this year as they said at the Department Head meeting recently. He said that is just one area.
- Mr. Segina said is the fountain going back in to treat that algae.
- Mayor Cherepko said yes, that is one thing.
- Mr. Segina said where is Rosso going.

- Mayor Cherepko said Rosso doesn't like homework. He said they definitely want to get the fountain back in. He said he really believes that last year, he doesn't know if the fountain even helped. He said it may have helped a little bit but it was just the weather they were having. He said between the humidity and heat and the lack of rain for a while, it just made a big problem. He said that was a problem everywhere. He said that will definitely help and that is something he just told Mr. Rosso the other day and he kind of did the same thing.
- Mr. Segina said at one time he had an engineer determine that the fountain would oxygenate the lake, the fish would live longer and it would reduce the amount of algae they have there too. He said anything they have in there, if they give a direct order to Rosso, maybe he will do it.
- Mayor Cherepko said he has learned that when you let the City Electrician know there are things to do, he will do the work. He said it is usually on his own terms.

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MONTGOMERY, SOLES, CARR ..... 6

NAYS:      NONE..... 0

**RESOLUTION #2013-10 – BILL #110: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF McKEESPORT, ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, CLAIMING THE MONTH OF APRIL 2013 AS "FAIR HOUSING MONTH" IN THE CITY OF McKEESPORT.**

**MOTION:      Mr. Soles moved, seconded by Mr. McCall, "To adopt Bill #110."**

- Mayor Cherepko said very quickly he would like to make them aware that the Human Relations Commission actually met with the Human Relations Commission of the City of Pittsburgh today. He said they are extending out and they had a lot of good ideas and direction. He said they are

looking forward to helping the City out and giving them ideas as far as Fair Housing. He said this is something they have been working tirelessly towards to make sure they are in compliance with everything as far as HUD and VCA which they had to go through a few years ago. He said the meeting went really well and they were absolutely wonderful people from the City of Pittsburgh. He said the City looks forward to taking their advice and working with them. He said they have a lot to offer and it was nice of them to take their time to come and meet with the City.

- Mr. Segina said they had a meeting one time about three years ago with all the subrecipient agencies in the City. He said they went to a meeting there and in fact Jim Haughey was in charge of that meeting. He said at that meeting Lani Temple gave a presentation on the housing. He said Jim Haughey was doing a helluva job and so was Lani Temple herself. He said it was funny because after the meeting, they all came over to McKeesport BluePrint and wanted to know how they were doing what they were doing. He said it was a compliment to the City and now here they are going back to the City of Pittsburgh when they were asking these questions of the City. He said in three years, he doesn't know why they haven't had any more conferences but he wishes they would.

**RC-9** YEAS: SEGINA, TEDESCO, McCALL, WALKER-MONTGOMERY, SOLES, CARR ..... 6

NAYS: NONE..... 0

**RESOLUTION #2013-11 – BILL #111: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF McKEESPORT, ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AUTHORIZING THE PROPER CITY OFFICERS TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH W. G. LAND COMPANY, LLC FOR JIMMY LONG BASEBALL FIELD IMPROVEMENTS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$41,860.00.**

**MOTION:**        **Mr. Tedesco moved, seconded by Mr. Soles,  
"To adopt Bill #111."**

**COMMENTS:**

- Mr. Segina said the Mayor said last night that he was going to try to reduce that amount of money and the scope of the project.
- Mayor Cherepko said it is two-fold. He said W.G., prior to when he was Mayor, had a great relationship with the City for other projects on which they were awarded through bids. He said they are willing to work with the City from what he has been told. He said they are going to work with W.G. and they want to get as close as they can to the \$35,000 that they have allocated through RAD money for capital projects. He said if they end up going over a couple thousand to make the project complete, he thinks they can find \$6,000. He said it is a mixture of both, but his goal is to stay within the money that was allotted by RAD.
- Mr. Segina said are there any plans there for the bleachers. He said they have some problems especially on the third base side where they have Little Tiger games and there were a couple of boards missing where they could fall right through if they are not careful.
- Mayor Cherepko said they put a bandaid on the bleachers for now. He said it is funny he said that because it is another one for the RAD match with the DCNR that they talked about maybe having \$200,000. He said they are looking at doing something with the bleachers for Little Tigers and also the bleachers at Helen Richey. He said they need a lot of work too. He said those are possibilities down the road. He said he will take Mr. Segina's input with any ideas he has over at the Park. He said obviously because Mr. Segina is over there with the Senior Center, he is sure he is aware of some of the concerns that he may not be aware of.



- Mr. Segina said the last time the bleachers were fixed was back in 1982 and 1983, when they had the supercrew. He said they were laid off workers from National Tube. He said they put new wood on the bleachers then covered them with plastic. He said most of it has lasted until now. He said that would be another good way of economically fixing those bleachers up.

**RC-10** YEAS: SEGINA, TEDESCO, McCALL, WALKER-MONTGOMERY, SOLES, CARR ..... 6

NAYS: NONE..... 0

### **AMEND THE AGENDA:**

**MOTION:** Mr. McCall moved, seconded by Mr. Tedesco, "To amend the Agenda to include Bill #112."

**RC-11** YEAS: SEGINA, TEDESCO, McCALL, WALKER-MONTGOMERY, SOLES, CARR ..... 6

NAYS: NONE..... 0

### **RESOLUTION #2013-12 – BILL #112: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF McKEESPORT, ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF AN APPLICATION FOR FUNDS WITH THE REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF ALLEGHENY COUNTY.**

**MOTION:** Mr. Tedesco moved, seconded by Ms. Walker-Montgomery, "To adopt Bill #112."

**RC-12** YEAS: SEGINA, TEDESCO, McCALL, WALKER-MONTGOMERY, SOLES, CARR ..... 6

NAYS: NONE..... 0

- Mayor Cherepko said he does have something for Council. He said they wanted to know about the equipment the City is purchasing. He said he did not make copies for everyone. He said these are all the specifications on every single thing. He said if anyone else on Council actually wants to read through everything, he will make them a copy. He said that is all on one copy and Darryl asked for it.
- Mr. Segina said the Mayor broke it down for him last night and that was okay with him. He said the Mayor told him how much the trucks were and everything that was included. He said are they stainless steel beds on the trucks or regular beds.
- Mayor Cherepko said he does not recall. He said they are aluminum.

### **CONTROLLER'S REPORT:**

- Mr. Malinchak said thank you. He said he would like to share some information in the stack of bills he just signed. He said in particular the one on trash collection. He said it is interesting that the tonnage this month dropped to 738 tons which to the best of his knowledge is a historical low. He said he doesn't know whether they attribute that to the bad weather, to the short month or whether the recycling program is working. He said maybe it is all of the above. He said in his household, he happens to have a wife that is the recycling cop. He said their recycling section that they put out has increased significantly.
- Mayor Cherepko said he agrees. He said when he saw that bill he thought the same thing. He said let's hope it is recycling. He said he does want Mr. Malinchak to know that he will be picking up the stickers tomorrow for anyone who wants to use an extra garbage can. He said the stickers are real simple to use and are just a recycling sign with

"McKeesport Recycles" in red and blue above and below. He said it is an opportunity, because as Mr. Malinchak just said, and he thinks most people who are taking part will agree, that now that they can recycle so many different items, he has very little garbage. He said he went from three garbage cans while recycling to one garbage can. He said he has a 50-gallon recycling bin that he bought at Home Depot. He said if they want to use a garbage can, they can put a sticker on it. He said that will work as well. He said Nickolich will look for the sticker and collect the recycling that way also. He said he agrees with Mr. Malinchak, if they can get everyone on board, he would like to see a bill like that a little more often.

- Mr. Malinchak said he would like to add to what the Mayor said. He said when he speaks of recycling, maybe most people know that they don't have to separate. He said that is the important point. He said he doesn't know what the trend here is but this is probably not in the contract. He said he can't remember but it was \$50,000 or \$60,000 they paid them for the recycling.
- Mayor Cherepko said he thinks it is \$57,000 or \$58,000.
- Mr. Malinchak said it is probably not a requirement but out of curiosity he would like to know how many tons are going in that direction.
- Mayor Cherepko said that is the thing too ... and the nice part about it is and he could not agree more with him ... if they are able and find out that recycling really picks up in the City ... that is their goal. He said it is only a three-year contract, then they can turn around and go back in the recycle business if they so choose a few years down the road. He said then they will save on tonnage and reaping the benefits of the recycled goods also.
- Mr. Malinchak said he just made a quick calculation here and assuming that the recycling is the main reason for the drop

in tonnage and it looks like in three or four months they may recover their \$57,000.

- Mayor Cherepko said that would be nice.
- Mr. Malinchak said they have to be very cautious and careful because one month is not a trend.
- Mr. Malinchak said he recommends that Council approves payment of the bills in the amount of \$104,127.06.

**MOTION:**      **Mr. Tedesco moved, seconded by Mr. McCall, "To approve payment of the bills in the amount of \$104,127.06."**

**RC-13**    YEAS:      SEGINA, TEDESCO, McCALL, WALKER-MONTGOMERY, SOLES, CARR ..... 6

             NAYS:      NONE..... 0

**ADJOURNMENT:**

President of Council Segina adjourned the meeting at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia A. Williams  
City Clerk and Clerk of Council

APPROVED:

Darryl Segina  
President of Council

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